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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-51. (Canceled).

52. (Currently amended) A clinician documentation method for use with an electronic processing device to better support and define a medical diagnosis as needed for appropriate DRG (Diagnosis Related Group) assignment comprising the steps of:

- inputting patient data into information prompting forms;
- navigating through additional information prompting forms relevant to a patient encounter;
- displaying previously entered information and corresponding conclusions;
- selecting the desired information and corresponding conclusions to be augmented;
- providing at least one of alternative conclusions and additional criteria to be inputted;
- choosing at least one of the previously entered information, corresponding conclusions, alternative conclusions, and additional criteria;
- calculating more accurate conclusions based upon all entered information and related predetermined criteria;
- displaying a selection of prompted information forms;
- providing more accurate and alternative conclusions, and predetermined criteria supporting the conclusions;
- choosing, adding, deleting, or modifying a conclusion;
- providing additionally prompted information forms;
- recording and saving the calculated conclusions; and
- summarizing all entered data; and
- providing an appropriate DRG assignment for the patient.